

CITIZENS FOR FACTS FROM DELANO
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WHO ARE WE ?

WE, THE MEMBERS OF CITIZENS FOR FACTS, ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR FELLOW WORKERS. WE HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND THE CITIZENS OF THE DELANO AREA. WE ARE NOT FOR, OR AGAINST, THE GROWERS, THE FARM WORKERS, OR THE UNIONS. WE STRIVE TO BE NEUTRAL IN ALL OUR ACTIONS. WE HAVE A PLEDGE WHICH WE TRY TO MAINTAIN AND LIVE UP TO IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO ARE FARM WORKERS, WHO ARE GROWERS, WHO ARE BUSINESSMEN, WHO ARE HOUSEWIVES, AND THEY ARE ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS. OUR ONLY DESIRE IS THAT THE RIGHTS OF ALL CONCERNED BE UPHELD. WE WISH THE FARM WORKER TO HAVE A DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO DECIDE IF HE WISHES TO JOIN A UNION AND WE WISH FOR HIM TO CHOOSE HIS UNION IF HE WANTS TO JOIN ONE.

OUR PLEDGE !

WE, THE CITIZENS FOR FACTS FROM DELANO, DO AIM AND PROPOSE TO BE A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY OF DELANO AT THIS TIME OF STRIKES, CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS, AND OUTSIDE INTERFERENCES THREATENING OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL REPRESENT ALL CREEDS AND NATIONALITIES, WITH NO DISCRIMINATION. WE WILL PRESENT THE TRUTH TO THE PEOPLE.

MIGHTY MOUSE AND CRUSADER RABBIT RETURNING TO DELANO ?

CESAR CHAVEZ HAS REQUESTED THAT SENATORS KENNEDY AND WILLIAMS INVESTIGATE THE RECENT ELECTION HELD AT THE DIGIORGIO CORPORATION'S DELANO AND BORREGO RANCHES. WE ALL REMEMBER WHEN THE SENATORS IN THEIR ROLE OF MIGHTY MOUSE AND CRUSADER RABBIT BROUGHT THEIR "ROAD SHOW" TO DELANO IN THE GUISE OF AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE AND WE ARE WONDERING IF THEY WILL BE BOOKED FOR A RETURN ENGAGEMENT. DOES IT NOT SEEM STRANGE THAT CESAR URGED HIS MEMBERS NOT TO TAKE PART IN THE ELECTION AND THEN COMPLAINED WHEN THEY WERE DEFEATED AT THE POLLS? COULD IT BE THAT THE NFWA HAS SO LITTLE ACTUAL WORKERS SUPPORT THAT CESAR HAS TO REQUEST HIS SMALL MEMBERSHIP TO BOYCOTT THE ELECTION, IN ORDER TO HAVE SOME GROUNDS FOR A COMPLAINT AFTER THE ELECTION? THEN AGAIN, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NFWA DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES UNDER WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS OPERATED. FREE ELECTIONS MAY NOT BE PART OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE "REVOLUTION". IT SHOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THE SENATORS MAKE A REPEAT APPEARANCE DURING AN ELECTION YEAR, WHEN THEIR POLITICAL IMAGES WILL STILL BE VIVID IN NOVEMBER.

DOUBLE TALK !

MR. HOFFMAN, ATTORNEY FOR THE NFWA, DEMANDED THAT THE NFWA NOT APPEAR ON THE DIGIORGIO BALLOT. THE ELECTION IS OVER, THE WORKERS CHOSE THE TEAMSTERS TO REPRESENT THEM. NOW, THE NFWA IS BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR TO HAVE THE ELECTION DECLARED VOID. THE NFWA RECEIVED 9 VOTES, WHICH MAKES IT VERY EVIDENT THAT THEY COULD NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH QUALIFIED VOTERS TO WIN THE ELECTION. IT BECOMES MORE AND MORE APPARENT THAT THE NFWA WILL CONSIDER ONLY ONE WAY, THEIR WAY.

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PICTURES OKAY FOR CHAVEZ !

REMEMBER BACK WHEN THE SENATORS' COMMITTEE WAS MEETING IN DELANO AND THERE WAS SUCH A FUSS MADE BY THEM ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICERS TAKING PICTURES OF THE "NEWCOMERS" TO OUR TOWN WHO WERE WALKIN THE PICKET LINE? WE WONDER IF CESAR OR THE MOUSE AND RABBIT THINK IT WAS PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR THE NFWA TO TAKE PICTURES OF THOSE WHO VOTED IN THE DiGIORGIO ELECTION, WITH LOUD THREATS THAT THEY WOULD BE REMEMBERED. OF COURSE, THE SITUATIONS WERE DIFFERENT. THE LAW AUTHORITIES TOOK THE PICTURES FOR POSSIBLE NEEDS OF IDENTIFICATION IN THE EVENT OF A MASSIVE DISTURBANCE. THE NFWA, EVIDENTLY, TOOK THE PICTURES FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTIMIDATION AND REVENGE. WHICH IS THE MOST PROPER, MR. KENNEDY???

SHRIVER'S DONATION TO THE NFWA

RECENTLY MR. & MRS. SHRIVER DONATED \$5000 TO THE NFWA. DID THE SHRIVERS KNOW OF THE QUESTIONABLE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS BEHIND THIS "MOVEMENT"? IF THEY DID, IT NOW BECOMES A FEDERAL QUESTION AND SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BY THE PROPER COMMITTEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MR. SHRIVER SHOULD MAKE A FULL STATEMENT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS TO WHY THE DONATION. HE CONTROLS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAX MONIES, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW HOW AND WHERE IT IS TO BE SPENT. EVERY TAX PAYER SHOULD WRITE TO HIS CONGRESSMAN AND DEMAND A FULL INVESTIGATION OF MR. SHRIVER AND THE REASONS FOR HIS DONATION TO THE NFWA. IF HE CANNOT GIVE A LOGICAL AND REASONABLE EXPLANATION, PRESIDENT JOHNSON SHOULD REMOVE HIM FROM HIS APPOINTED POSITION.
NOTE: THE \$5,000 WAS AWARDED TO THE SHRIVERS BY A LABOR UNION????

???? PUPPET OR LEADER ????

THROUGH-OUT YOUR CAMPAIGN OF THE PAST 10 MONTHS, CESAR, YOU HAVE STATED AND CLAIMED THAT YOU HAVE SIGNED AND PAID-UP MEMBERS TOTALING 1100. THESE, PLUS ALL YOUR RELATIVES, HELPING YOU ORGANIZE, WHY DO YOU NEED ALL THE OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS WHEN YOU HAVE SO MANY MEMBERS SUPPORTING YOU? WHEN YOU PUBLICLY STATED YOU WERE TRAINED BY SAUL ALINSKY AT THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION--WHEN IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT ALINSKY TRAINS PEOPLE TO BE ORGANIZERS OF SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS--WHY THE NEED FOR OUTSIDE HELP? WITH YOUR 1100 YOU SHOULD HAVE ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED HERE IN DELANO. HOW ABOUT IT, CESAR, ARE YOU THE PUPPET OR THE LEADER?????????

WHY NOW, GOVERNOR BROWN ?

MANY INDIGNANT CITIZENS FROM DELANO SENT TELEGRAMS OF PROTEST TO GOVERNOR BROWN AFTER HIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAPA AND NFWA. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR AFTER MAPA AGREED TO ENDORSE HIM IF HE WOULD SUPPORT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE DiGIORGIO ELECTION. CITIZENS FROM DELANO HAVE EXPECTED THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE A STAND IN THE LABOR DISPUTE FOR NINE MONTHS. ISN'T IT QUITE OBVIOUS THAT HE SHOULD DECIDE TO ENTER INTO THIS DISPUTE WHEN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER? THERE ARE OVER 12,000 VOTES TO BE GAINED IN THE DELANO AREA. HOW MANY MORE AGRICULTURAL VOTES COULD BE GAINED THROUGHOUT THE STATE? HOW MANY WERE GAINED BY THE ENDORSEMENT OF MAPA? WHY COULDN'T THE GOVERNOR HAVE PROMISED TO SEND "A PERSON OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE" TO LOOK INTO THIS SITUATION 9 MONTHS AGO? GOVERNOR BROWN HAS CALLED UPON MR. RONALD HAUCHTON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT ELECTION. CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR STURGEON HAS ALREADY STARTED A FACT FINDING COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE ELECTION AND ALSO TO INVESTIGATE THE REASON THAT SCHENLEY INDUSTRIES AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH NFWA WITHOUT HOLDING AN ELECTION. SENATOR STURGEON HAS ASKED GOVERNOR BROWN TO CALL OFF MR. HOUGHTON'S INVESTIGATION TO KEEP FROM "MUDGING THE WATER". SENATOR STURGEON, WE WILL WELCOME YOUR INVESTIGATION AND WILL OFFER YOU ANY ASSISTANCE YOU ASK OF US.

SCHENLEY CONTRACT WITH NFWA

CAN SCHENLEY'S REGULAR EMPLOYEES CARRY THE COST OF THE NFWA ALONE? THE UNION HAS MADE NO MENTION OF THE UNION DUES OR ASSESSMENTS. NFWA'S CONTRACT WITH SCHENLEY FORCES PART-TIME EMPLOYEES TO BECOME UNION MEMBERS AFTER 30 DAYS WORK. AFTER 60 OR 90 DAYS GRAPES HARVEST, WHERE WILL THESE PEOPLE FIND WORK? PRESENT INFORMATION IS THAT NFWA HAS SIGNED ONLY THE SCHENLEY CONTRACT. WHERE WILL THE NFWA FIND WORK FOR THE PART-TIME OR MIGRANT WORKERS AFTER THEY BECOME UNION MEMBERS AND SCHENLEY HARVEST IS OVER?

WORKER'S VIEWPOINT

I HAVE BEEN A FARM WORKER FOR 20 YEARS IN THE AREA OF DELANO. WHEN THE STRIKE WAS FIRST CALLED, WORD WENT AROUND THAT WE WERE TO STAY HOME FROM WORK AND HONOR THE PICKETS OR ELSE WE WERE TO BE BEATEN UP. SO I STAYED HOME FOR THREE DAYS AND COULD NOT AFFORD TO STAY HOME ANY LONGER. SO I WENT BACK TO WORK AND I USED BACK ROADS TO GET TO WORK AND OUR CREW KEPT MOVING TO DIFFERENT PATCHES. BECAUSE I WAS MAKING GOOD WAGES I HAD TO FORGET MY FEAR AND WHEN I KEPT ON WORKING NO ONE CAME TO BOTHER ME. I WANT TO TELL ALL FARM WORKERS NOT TO BE AFRAID.

FROM APATHY TO ACTION

CITIZENS FOR FACTS WAS FORMED
BY LADIES WITH NOTHING TO DO,
THIS MAY HAVE BEEN YOUR FIRST THOUGHT
BUT, CHAVEZ, IT WAS BECAUSE OF YOU!

YOU CAME INTO OUR PEACEFUL TOWN
WITH PLANS TO SAVE THE POOR.
YOU YELLED AND SHOUTED "HUELGA"
WE LISTENED MORE AND MORE.

NEW NAMES AND MANY NEW PEOPLE
WERE BROUGHT TO FIGHT YOUR CAUSE
TO LEARN THE TRUTH BEHIND THEM
WE'VE WORKED WITHOUT A PAUSE.

THE PRESS HAS MADE IT HARDER
TO PRESENT THE FACTS, WE'VE FOUND
BUT, TRUTH WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME,
BY THIS KNOWLEDGE WE ARE BOUND.

IF THE WORKERS WANT A UNION
WE WANT THEIR RIGHTS RESPECTED,
TO JOIN A UNION OF THEIR CHOICE
THAT THE WORKERS THEMSELVES ELECTED.

SO CALL IN ALL YOUR SENATORS
AND THE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE
YOU'LL FIND WHEN THE VOTES ARE COUNTED
HOW HIGH TRUE FACTS WILL RATE!

THANKS

To the American Legion for requesting a full investigation of the NFWA and its alleged link with subversive organizations.
To Bishop Willinger who took the democratic stand that the workers should have a choice.
To DiGiorgio for giving their workers a choice in the election.
To Reverend Moore who was subjected to picketing at his home and church because he was a witness at the election at DiGiorgio Ranch.
To Father Roger Mahoney, also a witness at the election, who was the subject of harassment and ridicule by the NFWA pickets.
To the few members of the press who have tried to present the true story in Delano.
To the concerned citizens who have given of their time, money, and efforts to bring the truth to the people.
To the Delano ministers for their neutral stand and their efforts in getting the truth to church groups.

THE BEGINNING

CITIZENS FOR FACTS FROM DELANO WAS STARTED BY A GROUP OF WOMEN CONCERNED ABOUT CESAR CHAVEZ BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE WAR ON POVERTY GRANT FROM THE O. E. O.

AS AWOC AND NFWA PRORESSED IN THEIR PICKETING AND HARASSING OF THE WORKERS, THE GROWERS, AND THE COMMUNITY, THE NEWS MEDIA CONTINUED TO PRINT ARTICLES THAT DID NOT CARRY THE TRUE FACTS OF THE DELANO SITUATION.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL CHURCHES, MANY COMPLETELY UNINFORMED OF THE TRUE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN DELANO, WERE BEGINNING TO TAKE ISSUE AND RECEIVE NEWS COVERAGE OF THEIR OPINIONS. MINISTERS AND PRIESTS USED THEIR PULPITS TO REACH THEIR CONGREGATIONS AND ASK THEM TO SEND FOOD AND MONEY TO THE POOR PEOPLE STARVING IN DELANO.

WE, IN DELANO, KNEW THIS WAS NOT TRUE. INNOCENT CONGREGATIONS AND GROUPS WERE BEING USED TO SUPPORT A CAUSE THAT DID NOT REPRESENT THE WORKING PEOPLE IN DELANO.

CITIZENS FOR FACTS MAILED OUT INFORMATION TO THE CHURCHES, COLLEGES, AND TO INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE NATION. WE DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT FARM WORKERS WERE STARVING IN DELANO. WE DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT FARM WORKERS WERE ON STRIKE AND NOT IN THE FIELDS. WE DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT A RACIAL PROBLEM EXISTED IN DELANO. WE DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT THE FARM WORKERS WANTED TO BE REPRESENTED BY CESAR CHAVES AND NFWA. WE DISPUTED THE STATEMENT THAT FARMERS MAKE GREAT PROFITS AND CAN AFFORD INCREASED COSTS.

NAMES LINKED WITH CESAR'S BACKGROUND BEGAN TO COME TO THE ATTENTION OF CITIZENS FOR FACTS AS THEY ASSIMILATED FACTS FOR THE PUBLIC. SAUL ALINSKY, A KNOWN RADICAL, FRED ROSS, ASSISTANT TO ALINSKY, AND WALTER REUTHER, A RADICAL WITH QUESTIONABLE POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS. WE QUESTIONED HIS CONNECTIONS WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUB, THE STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, SNCC, AND CORE. THE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE AND COMMUNISM WERE BEING CONNECTED WITH PUBLICATIONS FROM DELANO. MEN IN THE COMMUNITY WERE BEGINNING TO PAY ATTENTION TO FACTS THAT WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY OUR ORGANIZATION. MORE AND MORE CITIZENS WERE JOINING THE EFFORTS OF A FEW WOMEN.

CITIZENS FOR FACTS FROM DELANO DO NOT REPRESENT ANY UNION. WE PROTEST THE EFFORTS BEING USED BY UNION ORGANIZERS TO FORCE UPON THE WORKERS SOMETHING THAT THEY DO NOT WANT. WE WILL STAND BEHIND THE CHOICE MADE BY THE WORKERS AND DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO EXPOSE ANYONE WHO WANTS TO USE THE FARM WORKERS FOR THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES.

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